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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8495

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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND APPRO-
PRIATE COMMANDS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW, US, XF

SUBJECT: ARMS FOR ISRAEL--AMERICAN RANGER

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT AMERICAN RANGER IS NOW
LOADING 105MM AMMUNITION AT BREMERHAVEN AND IS DUE TO
DEPART FOR ISRAEL EARLY NEXT WEEK (THIS IS THE SHIPMENT
THAT FRG AUTHORIZED REFTEL PARA 2).

2. EMBASSY WISHES TO STRESS NEED FOR UTMOST DISCRETION
ON PART OF ALL CONCERNED RE THIS SHIPMENT. GERMAN
SENSITIVITIES AND CONCERNS ARE OBVIOUS, PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OF LIBYAN THREAT TO CUT OFF OIL DELIVERIES TO
FRG. ANY PUBLICITY ON RANGER TRIP, WHETHER BEFORE OR
AFTER ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL, MIGHT THUS HAVE ADVERSE CON-
SEQUENCES FOR GERMAN ECONOMY--AND FOR US-GERMAN RELA-
TIONS. STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE
TO PREVENT NEWS LEAK.
HILLENBRAND

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